



Regulatory Section

Qualified Certified Applicators (QCAs)

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Definition of Qualified Certified Applicators (QCAs)

Qualified Certified Applicators (QCAs) are pesticide applicators certified by the USDA to inspect both Outdoor Household Articles (OHAs), which includes recreational vehicles (RVs), and mobile homes.

Qualifications of QCAs

Each QCA must hold a valid pesticide applicator's license for each State in which the QCA works. If a State revokes the pesticide applicator's license of an individual, the individual cannot continue to be a QCA.

Training of QCAs

QCAs will be trained by (1) USDA personnel, (2) State personnel, or preferably (3) both USDA and State personnel. Licensing will always be the responsibility of the State agency that licenses pesticide applicators.

QCAs must be able to do the following:

- ◆ Inspect OHAs and mobile homes according to a standardized procedure
- ◆ Treat, if necessary, in a safe and effective manner
- ◆ Complete and distribute the appropriate documents

Authorization under Compliance Agreements

QCAs will work under Compliance Agreements (CAs). An example of a CA for a QCA is in **Appendix G**.

The PPQ Plant Health Director (PHD) in each State will be responsible for initiating and monitoring the certification of QCAs under CAs. In each State, the PPQ PHD will maintain a list of current QCAs.

Substandard Performance

If a QCA fails to perform inspections or treatments adequately, the PPQ PHD will revoke the CA and the authority of the QCA to inspect and certify Outdoor Household Articles and mobile homes.